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REVIEWS AND NOTICES OF BOOKS.

EDMOND POTTIER. *Les Statuettes de terre cuite dans l'Antiquité* par M. EDMOND POTTIER, attaché au Musée du Louvre. Paris, 1891.

This is the first complete treatise on the subject of ancient terracottas, which have been the subject of so much discussion. It is a history of the coroplastic art, including its Oriental origins, the formation of archaic types, the development of the good Attic style into the blooming of the exquisite period which the author terms Tanagrean. Passing from Continental Greece M. Pottier studies the industry in the Kyrenaica, in Crimea, in Asia Minor with its centres at Smyrna and Myrina, returning through Sicily, Italy and even Roman Gaul. While giving respectful recognition to his predecessors M. Pottier expresses an individual opinion on all points. Hence the special interest of his chapters on the manufacture and destination of the figurines, where he expresses an eclectic opinion, to the effect that the worship of the gods and of the dead, the furnishing of the tombs, sacrifices to the *manes* or simple offerings, Elysean or simple genre subjects all contributed a share in the development of this branch of industry whose products were sometimes funerary, sometimes votive, and sometimes used as gifts.—HEUZEY, in *Chron. des Arts*, 1891, No. 4.

ORIENTAL ARCHÆOLOGY.

W. M. RAMSAY. *The historical geography of Asia Minor*. 8vo, pp. 495. Papers of the Royal Geographical Society, vol. IV. London, 1890; Murray.

In May 1886 the first sketch of this book was read before the Royal Geographical Society. In April 1888 the ms. was completed but was accidentally lost; not to be rewritten. All that could be recollected has been worked into Part I of this book, entitled *General principles*, while in Part II the provinces are taken up and notes on their history and antiquities are given, especially when they have any bearing on ancient geography.¹

¹ Part I. GENERAL PRINCIPLES. Ch. I. Hellenism and Orientalism. II. The "Royal Road." III. Beginning of the trade route. IV. The Eastern trade route. V. The Roman roads in Asia Minor. VI. The value of the Peutinger table, Ptolemy and the Itineraries, as geographical authorities. VII. The Byzantine roads. VIII. Change of site.